1: Freeman, J. Derek, Iban Agriculture: A Report on the Shifting Cultivation of Hill Rice by the Iban of Sarawak. Colonial Research Studies No. 18. London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1955.

Pp. xii, 148; 5 text figures; 3 sketch maps; 25 plates; index.

Yale: Oyd20 A14. 18

[This is a sociological and technical report on the shifting cultivation of hill rice, a form of primitive agriculture found throughout monsoon Asia. Mr. Freeman conducted his field work among the Iban communities in Baleh, a pioneering area located at one of the upper tributaries of the Rejang River. In this study, the author describes in some detail the Iban community and family structure, the settlement pattern, the land tenure system, and the migratory movements of the people. His description of agricultural practices is a methodical account of forest clearing, sowing, weeding, harvesting and the transportation and storage of grains. Interwoven into this account are other aspects of Iban culture, such as religion, folk knowledge, diet, tools and implements, trade, travels, and social values. He has also made an analysis of the economics of shifting cultivation and the relationship between agricultural technique and land resources. The final chapter is a theoretical discussion of the proper population-land balance and

1: Freeman, J. Derek

suggestions for the colonial government for effecting stability in the native economy. Mr. Freeman is a senior fellow in Social Anthropology at the Australian National University. --Analyst]

Field date: 1949-1951
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1958

2: Howell, William. The Sea Dyak. The Sarawak Gazette. Volumes 38-40. Kuching, Sarawak: 1908-1910.

HRAF pagination: 1-118

Yale: WS 371 38-40

[This is a collection of 39 articles culled from various issues of The Sarawak Gazette during the period 1908 to 1910. They were written by an English missionary who had spent many years among the Sea Dyak. The articles are as follows: No. 1, The Sea Dyak, Dec. 16, 1908, p. 309; No. 2, The Sea Dyak Religion, Jan. 2, 1909, p. 4; No. 3, Dyak Marriage Ceremonies, Jan. 16, p. 19; No. 4 [Missing] Feb. 1; No. 5, Dyak Custom when building a New house, Feb. 16, p. 44; No. 6, The Dyak Feast called "Mandi Rumah," March 1, p. 53; No. 7, Dyak Divorce, March 16, p. 66; No. 8, Dyak Burial Custom, April 1, p. 75; No. 9, Dyak Custom called "Berantu," April 16, p. 85; No. 10, Dyak custom when commencing a paddy farm, May 17, p. 111; No. 11, Gawai Batu, or the Feast of the Whetstones, June 1, p. 124; No. 12, "Nyinklan Benih," or The Ceremony of touching the paddi seeds with blood, July 1, p. 146; No. 13, The preliminary ceremony of reaping the paddy; and "Nyimpan padi," or the ceremony of putting by paddy, July 16, p. 155; No. 14, "Bemali umai" or to pronounce a paddy farm Tabooed, Aug. 16, p. 178;

2: Howell, William.

No. 15, The Hornbill or Tenyelang (Buceros Rhinoceros.), Sept. 1, p. 185; No. 16, Dyak account of the Creation, Oct. 1, p. 208; No. 17, The Dyak Feast called Betenyalang, Oct. 15, p. 218; No. 18, The Dyak feast called Gawai Burong, Nikau ka burong or Mri ka burong makai (meaning feeding the omen birds), Nov. 1, p. 228; No. 19, The Dyak head feast called Enchabuarong, Nov. 1, p. 228; No. 19 [sic], A surmise on the development of the custom of Diving among the Dyaks called Beselam, Nov. 16, p. 239; No. 20, Dyak belief in Mimpi (dreams), Dec. 1, p. 256; No. 20 [sic], The Dyak account of the origin of the different languages of mankind, Dec. 16, p. 264; No. 21, Teju Remaung or The Lure of the Tiger, Feb. 16, 1910, p. 44; No. 22, The Dyak custom "Nampok" or going to a Solitary place, March 1, p. 54; No. 23, Dyak Ceremonies in Pregnancy and Childbirth, March 16, p. 65; (No. 24), The Dyak feasts called "Ijok" or "Ijan Pumpong" or "Sandong Lau"; "Gawai Gajah" or "Begajah" and "Gawai Ranyai" or "Beranyai," April 1, p. 77; No. 25, Tugong or Tugong bula, April 16, p. 86; No. 26, Langkau Ampun or Piring or The hut for submission or offering, May 2, p. 95; No. 27, A prayer to make a Philter effectual, May 2, p. 96; No. 28, Dyak Customs when setting pig traps, May 16, p. 107; No. 29, Pandong, Sept. 1; No. 30, The Sea Dyak custom of Bemprian

2: Howell, William.

or Beperembian, Sept. 16, p. 198; No. 31, Baiya, and Rapus or Rapoh, Sept. 16, p. 198; No. 32, An evil omen called Sabut, Sept. 16, p. 198; Dyak Fables: The Fable of the Medicine-man Gagak, Oct. 1, p. 208-209; The Fable of Kumang looking for Lemba, Nov. 16, p. 238-239; The Story of Venus (Kumang) fishing with a scoop (pemansai), Dec. 1, p. 248; The Story of a Mouse-Deer and the Crocodiles, Dec. 16, p. 259; The Story of Apai Aloi, Dec. 31, pp. 267-268. --Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1908 Evaluation: Missionary-5
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary Processed in 1958

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3: Low, Hugh. Sarawak: Its Inhabitants and Productions. London: Richard Bentley, 1848.

Pp. xxiv, 416; frontispiece.

Yale: Eeg B64 845

Only those pages, i.e., 165-239, dealing with the Iban have been processed.

[Mr. Low, Colonial Secretary at Labuan, gathered his material on the people of Sarawak during some thirty months spent collecting plants and seeds. Much of the data presented deals with warfare, and inter-cultural relations, but some information is also presented on clothing, navigation and boats, agriculture, hunting and fishing, housing, marriage, burial, etc.--Analyst]

Field date: 1844-1847
Analyst: James Leary

Evaluation: Government official-5
Processed in 1958

4: Roth, H. Ling, ed. The Natives of Borneo. Edited from the Papers of the late Brooke Low, Esq. The Journal of the Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, Vol. XXI, pp. 110-37. London: Trubner & Co., 1892.

Yale: Nk10.R81.v.21

[The content of this article is based upon the fragmentary field notes of Brooke Low edited by H. L. Roth. The following topics are discussed in this paper which is intended to be the first of a series on Iban culture: religious beliefs and practices, the theory and treatment of disease, transvestitism, funeral rites and mourning customs, festivals, status of woman and her daily routine, courtship, marriage, child care, birth and suicide. It is entirely a descriptive account. For part two of this series see 5: Roth. Mr. Low was in the Sarawak government service from 1869 until his death in 1887. --Analyst]

Field date: no date
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist-4
Processed in 1958

5: Roth, H. Ling. The Natives of Borneo. Edited from the Papers of the late Brooke Low, Esq. The Journal of the Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, Vol. 22, pp. 22-64. London: Kegan Paul, Trubner & Co., 1893.

Yale: Nk10.R81.v.22

[This article is part two of a series of descriptive accounts of Iban culture culled from Brooke Low's papers (for Part I, see 4: Roth, this file). The topics discussed here include agriculture, dwelling, slavery, clothing and ornaments, body painting and mutilation, hunting and fishing, boat building, weapons and warfare, headhunting, musical instruments and singing. There are also remarks on the allegation of cannibalism among the natives. Although lacking precise analysis, Mr. Low's accounts possess the color and immediacy of a resident observer. --Analyst]

Field date: no date
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist-4
Processed in 1958

6: Freeman, J.D. The Family System of the Iban of Borneo. Cambridge Papers in Social Anthropology, The Developmental Cycle in Domestic Groups, edited by Jack Goody, No. 1, pp. 15-52. Cambridge: The Cambridge University Press, 1958.

Yale: Nkd18 958G

/This paper concerns the bilek family among the Iban. Material is given on the composition of the group, the principles of recruitment into it, and the means by which partition of one bilek family into two occurs. Data on the bilek family, per se, have been marked for household (category 592). The footnotes are at the end of the source (see category 116, pp. 50-52).--Analyst/

Field date: 1949-1951
Analyst: James Leary

Evaluation: Social Anthropologist - 5
Processed in 1958

7: Gomes, Edwin H. Seventeen Years Among the Sea Dyaks of Borneo: A Record of Intimate Association with the Natives of the Bornean Jungles. With an Introduction by the Reverend John Perham. London: Seeley & Co., Ltd., 1911.

Pp. i-xx, 21-343; 32 plates; glossary; index.

Day Missions: Of.G58

/This book was written by an English missionary who spent many years in Sarawak during the period 1890-1910. It is a general account of Dyak life and customs, interspersed with Gomes' reminiscences. It contains chapters on Dyak character, manner of life, social life, life cycle, war and head-hunting, religion, sports, music, folk-lore, and the future of the Sea Dyak (from the point of view of missionary activities). Throughout, Gomes has not hesitated to make, in the main unacknowledged, use of other published materials on the Dyak. In particular he has used 2: Howell, 4: Roth and 5: Roth, of this file, mainly for descriptions of pregnancy, warfare, head-hunting, infanticide, and cemeteries. These sections have not been categorized in this source. In addition, he makes acknowledged use of the entire article on the contents of a Dyak medicine chest by Bishop Hose. The source is well-written and contains much useful information in addition to the above. --Analyst/

Field date: ca. 1890
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Missionary - 5
Processed in 1958

8: Haile, N.S. A Dayak Game. The Sarawak Museum Journal, Vol. V, No. 3 n.s. (No. 18 o. s.), pp. 442-45. Kuching: Sarawak Government Printing Office, 1951.

Yale: S11.35.5(18)

/This is a description of an Iban game of checkers which might have been introduced from India via the Celebes. Mr. Haile is a geologist serving with the Geological Survey Department in British Borneo.--Analyst/

Field date: 1950
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Natural Scientist - 5
Processed in 1958

9: Griffith, G.T. Health and Disease in Young Sea Dayak Men. The Sarawak Museum Journal, Vol. VI, No. 5, n.s. (No. 20 o.s.), pp. 322-27. Kuching: Sarawak Government Printing Office, 1955.

Yale: S11.35.6(20)

/The author was the medical officer for the recruiting of Sarawak Rangers for military service in Malaya. The present article is a summary of his medical findings among the Iban recruits.--Analyst/

Field date: 1953
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Physician - 5
Processed in 1958

10: Sandin, Benedict. The Westward Migration of the Sea Dayaks. The Sarawak Museum Journal, Vol. VII, No. 7 n.s. (No. 22, o.s.), pp. 54-81, 2 maps. Kuching, Sarawak: Sarawak Government Printing Office, 1956.

Yale: S11.35.7(22)

/This article is a reconstruction of Iban migratory movement from southeastern Borneo across the mountains down to the South China Sea. It is based upon native folklore and genealogies collected by Sandin, who is a descendant of a noble Iban family and is now on the staff of the Sarawak Museum. Although the information has not been integrated into a smooth, well-organized narrative, nevertheless, it constitutes a valuable addition to our knowledge of Iban historical tradition. --Analyst/

Field date: 1949-1955
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Indigene - 5
Processed in 1958

11: Freeman, J. Derek. Iban Pottery. The Sarawak Museum Journal, Vol. VIII, No. 10 n.s., (No. 25, o.s.), pp. 153-176, plates xii-xix. Kuching: Sarawak Government Printing Office, 1957.

Yale: S11.35.8(25)

/This article is a report on pottery making and related beliefs among the Iban. Notes are arranged numerically at the end of the text, pp. 175-176. Notes for the plates will be found on pp. 173-175. Mr. Freeman is a Reader in Anthropology at the Australian National University. He has done extensive fieldwork among the Iban of the Balleh in Sarawak.--Analyst/

Field date: 1949-1951
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist - 5
Processed in 1958

12: Haddon, Alfred C., and Start, Laura E. Iban Sea Dayak Fabrics and Their Patterns: A Descriptive Catalogue of the Iban Fabrics in the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Cambridge. Cambridge: The University Press, 1936.

Pp. xvi, 160; frontispiece; 32 text figures; 35 end plates.

Yale: Jkf56 135 936H

/Pp. 62-122 were not processed for the files, since they are primarily descriptions of single articles./

/This source is basically a catalog of items in the Cambridge Museum, although items from the British Museum were also studied. The majority of the material involved was collected by a missionary, Charles Hose. Apart from the individual objects described, sections of the book are devoted to spinning, dyeing, weaving, and general description of clothing. Data are also given on the decorations involved in the finished product, on divination, and on the flora and fauna of the region. --Analyst/

Field date: no date
Analyst: James Leary

Evaluation: Ethnologists - 4
Processed in 1958

13: Perham, J. Manangism in Borneo. Journal of the Straits Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, Vol. 19, pp. 87-103. Singapore: 1887.

Yale: Fd12 R825 v. 19-20

[This article deals with shamanism among the Iban. Included are data on the status and initiation of a shaman, the various types of curing ceremonies employed by the shaman, and beliefs about the causes of disease. Several pages of texts sung in curing ceremonies are included, and the Iban shaman is compared with others in the same area. Perham was one of the first missionaries to work with the Iban. --Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1885
Analyst: James R. Leary

Evaluation: Missionary - 5
Processed in 1958

14: Howell, William and D. J. S. Bailey. A Sea Dyak Dictionary, in Alphabetical Parts, with Examples and Quotations Showing the Use and Meaning of Words. Singapore: The American Mission Press, 1900-1903.

Pp. i-xi, 235, appendix.

Library of Congress: PL5303.H6

Only pp. i-xi and pp. 1-24 of the appendix have been processed for the files.

[The materials processed for this file are the grammatical synopsis and the appendix. The latter includes translations of Iban proverbs, riddles, songs, invocations and prayers, fables, and examples of conversational and explanatory styles; and Iban vocabulary for the bodily parts, ornaments and costumes, trees, houses, boats, measurements, money, fines, and human ailments. The central section of the work is a lexicon with generally brief explanations of the terms included. However, from time to time, a certain term is given an extended explanation, e.g. the terms for gods and festivals, containing ethnographic data. Since this material is also contained in other works processed for the Iban file, the

14: Howell, William and D. J. S. Bailey

dictionary section was not processed. The entire work was published in sections between 1900 and 1903. The authors were protestant missionaries with long experience in the Iban area. --Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1900
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Missionary-5
Processed in 1958

15: Freeman, J.D. Report on the Iban of Sarawak. Vol. I: Iban Social Organization. Kuching, Sarawak: Government Printing Office, 1955.

Pp. viii, 54, 2 inserts (monographed).

Hartford Seminary: Q7716 f877

[Only the first volume of this source has been processed for this file; it deals with Iban social organization, in particular with the Iban Bilek-family and the long house community. In addition to the physical type and location of the Iban community house structures, the author deals with recruitment to the house through birth, marriage, and adoption, the incorporation of new families into the community, the structure of authority and the pressures of social control which the community can wield over its members. The ritual unity of the long house is shown to be the principal bond among the members. Brief descriptions of the long house as a corporate entity, in political, economic and ritual activities, are also given. Material on the bilek-family is categorized 592 Household, and the long-house is 621 Community Structure. Volume 2, Agriculture, Land Usage and

15: Freeman, J.D.

Land Tenure Among the Iban, has not been processed as it duplicates material presented in 1 and 6: Freeman. --Analyst]

Field date: 1949-1951
Analyst: Leslie L. Clark

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1958

16: Freeman, J.D. The Iban. Canberra: Department of Anthropology and Sociology, The Australian National University, 1958.

Pp. 48 (mimeographed).

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Omitted from files: pp. 1-25, 43-44.

[This is one of the articles to be included in the forthcoming Social Structure in Southeast Asia, edited by G. P. Murdock. Approximately half of the article deals with a generalized account of Iban family and kinship structure which duplicates information already available in 15 Freeman. Consequently these sections (pp. 1-24, 43-44) have been deleted from the present source. The processed material contains a detailed discussion of Iban kinship terminology, and the correlation between terminology and patterns of behavior. The discussion is supplemented with charts and tables. --Analyst]

Field date: 1949-58
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1959

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17: Bedford, P. W. Sea Dayak Diet: A Longhouse Survey. The Sarawak Museum Journal, vol. 9, no. 13-14, pp. 203-214. Sarawak, 1959.

Yale: S11 35 9

[The author is a senior medical officer of the Kuching General Hospital in Sarawak. The source covers the health and nutrition of one longhouse group of Sea Dayak, Rumah Bujak, by means of their diet. There are several tables illustrating various diets (good, poor, etc.) and listing all the foods eaten at each meal over a period of time. This group's nutritional intake is compared to an average normal British diet and those foods that are heavier in consumption than others are also discussed. There is very little cultural material other than diet. --Analyst]

Field date: 1958
Analyst: Millicent Kim

Evaluation: Physician-5
Processed in 1963

18: Sutlive, Vinson Hutchins, Jr. From longhouse to pasar: urbanization in Sarawak, East Malaysia. Dissertation (Anthropology) -- Pittsburgh, 1972. University Microfilms, Publication, 73-16,345. Ann Arbor, University Microfilms, 1973.

4, 10, 479 l.; 7 text figures (incl. 4 maps); 34 tables; bibliography.

HRAF copy.

[This source is a comprehensive account of the life of the contempory urban and rural Iban of the Sibu District, Sarawak. The emphasis is on how the urban trading center, Sibu, has changed their values and lifestyles. Historical materials relate their movements into the area, their relations with the Brooke rajahs, as well as with the Chinese and Malay settlers of the area. It contains much on the modernization of the Iban not found in the other sources in this file.]

Field date: 1957-66, 1969-71
Analysts: Martin Malone, marker
Marlene Martin, checker

Evaluation: Ethnologist-4, 5
Processed in 1974-1975